



**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A seal ring ~~including comprising:~~

a first seal portion which seals a sidewall surface of an annular groove on a an unsealed fluid side ~~A~~ of a shaft, the annular groove being provided in one of two members that are concentrically assembled so as to be relatively rotatable; and

a second seal portion which seals a surface of the other of the two members,;

~~wherein~~ an annular interspace between the two members is being sealed by the first and second seal portions, ~~and~~

a ring body ~~of the seal ring~~ is provided with a separation portion which is separated in one place in a circumferential direction ~~of the seal ring~~;

~~a seal ring characterized in that~~ said first seal portion is being provided with linear contact portions which come into linear contact with the sidewall surface of the annular groove on the unsealed fluid side, so as to extend continuously over a whole circumference of the seal ring from one side of said separation portion to the other side thereof,; and

~~that~~ said linear contact portion which is provided on one side of said separation portion, and said linear contact portion which is provided on the other side of said separation portion are located at a distance in a ~~diametric~~ radial direction of the seal

ring to control a quantity of leakage from a sealed fluid side to the unsealed fluid side of the shaft.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said linear contact portion provided on one said of said separation portion, and said linear contact portion provided on the other side of said separation portion have regions which are placed one over the other when said linear contact portions are projected in the ~~diametric~~ radial direction.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a quantity of leakage is adjusted by a size of a sectional area of a section of a space in the ~~diametric~~ radial direction, the space being formed by said linear contact portion provided on one side of said separation portion, said linear contact portion provided on the other side of said separation portion, a part of the ring body ~~as lies~~ lying between said linear contact portion provided on one side and said linear contact portion provided on the other side, and the sidewall surface of the annular groove is on the unsealed fluid side.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein said linear contact portions define ~~substantially mountain shaped portion~~  
~~shaped protruding~~ portions which protrude from a side surface of the ring body,  
toward the sidewall surface of the annular groove on the unsealed fluid side.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein said linear contact portion provided on one side of said separation portion  
is located nearer a side of said other member than said linear contact portion provided  
on the other side of said separation portion; ~~and that said one member is assembled~~  
~~so as to rotate from said other side toward said one side through separation end parts~~  
~~which is end parts of said separation portion.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 5, ~~characterized in that,~~  
wherein on the other member side of the ring body, the separation end part of said one  
side which is provided with said linear contact portion is provided with a first  
circularly-arcuate protrusive part which protrudes in the circumferential direction,  
while the separation end part of said other side is provided with a first circularly-  
arcuate recessed part which is fitted with said first circularly-arcuate protrusive part;  
and

~~that~~ said first circularly-arcuate protrusive part is provided with a second circularly-arcuate part which protrudes in the circumferential direction, while said first circularly-arcuate recessed part is provided with a second circularly-arcuate recessed part which is fitted with said second circularly-arcuate protrusive part.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring defined in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one of respective fitting surfaces at which said second circularly-arcuate protrusive part and second circularly-arcuate recessed part are fitted is provided with a protrusion which comes into linear contact with the other fitting surface.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separation end part of said one side of said separation portion is provided with a circularly-arcuate protrusive part which protrudes in the circumferential direction, while the separation end part of said other side of said separation portion is provided with a circularly-arcuate recessed part which is fitted with said circularly-arcuate protrusive part,<sup>;</sup> and

~~that~~ one of respective fitting surfaces at which said circularly-arcuate protrusive part and said circularly-arcuate recessed part are fitted is provided with a protrusion which comes into linear contact with the other fitting surface.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the fitting surfaces are surfaces which are ~~substantially perpendicular to~~  
radially spaced from an axis of said seal ring, and which extend in the circumferential  
direction.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The seal ring as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein said linear contact portions include:

a first linear contact portion which is extended continuously from one side of  
said separation portion to the other side thereof, and which comes into linear contact  
with the sidewall surface of the annular groove on the unsealed fluid side; and

a second linear contact portion which lies nearer a groove bottom side of the  
annular groove than said first linear contact portion, which is extended continuously  
from one side of said separation portion to the other side thereof, and which comes  
into linear contact with the sidewall surface of the annular groove on the unsealed  
fluid side;

~~wherein~~ said linear contact portion provided on one side of said separation  
portion is said first linear contact portion, while said linear contact portion provided  
on the other side of said separation portion is said second linear contact portion.